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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Peter Lee |
| TARO IKEDA, ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2852 |
| Application No.: 10/687,815 |) | |
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated April 5, 2005, Applicants
respectfully request entry of this amendment to amend the above-identified application as
follows.